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Happy New Year Omens. The Washington correspondent of the "New York Herald," thinks "it may be a good omen that at the White House reception \* \* \* the first to wish the President a happy New Year was Great Britain, through Lord Pauncefote, who is the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps." We hardly know to which of the high wishing parties the omen is presumed to be auspicious, but probably it is Great Britain. It may suggest new achievements of our "splendid diplomacy," in giving the moth- Relief Commission. That record is a sorry permit. er country the coast line and territory she covets in our Alaskan domain, in ad-Treaty by Lord Salisbury, which would in-

the retreat from Pekin!

The gracious and accomplished Imperial German Ambassador, likewise tendered the compliments of the season to his His Serenity, the President of the United States and Stadtholder of Porto Rico and the Philippines. Was that also ominous and, if so, of what? Could it hint that our Toutonic kinsmen have taken a leaf out of ism and its twin sister, Eaganism, as unithe infant-industry lesson which we have been teaching to our commercial rivals?

gotten. He, too, ought to have an omen attached to him, just like the Western barbarians! Perhaps his smile, which is out much public sympathy "childlike and bland," may be prophetic might happen consequently. of an early withdrawal of our legation guard from the capital of his country

There are other ambassadors and plenipotentiaries who made their bows correctly and amiably; but they are too numerous to mention. An exception must be made in the case of the Venezuelan Minister. If he is in the omen business, he is to be pitied; because the only omen that we know of, likely to hit him, is one indicating that his devoted Government would best beware how it rouses the American
Eagle by treading upon the sore tentacles

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Metropolitan Hospital on Blackwell's Isof the asphalt octopus!

much in omens. They belong to the Seventeenth rather than to the Twentieth Century. The only thing further necessary to say is that, notwithstanding unimportant differences of opinion between us in the past, we join with the Corps Diplomatique, the Cabinet, the Judiciary, the Army, Navy, Civil Service, District Militia, and everybody else in wishing the President and his family, official and personal, a Happy New Year!

## Thoroughness in Business.

Complaint comes from England that the reverses of the Boer war have been due to the appointment of officers who knew nothing about the business of war, and owed their position to the prominence of plaint, and it seems to be growing louder with time. Unquestionably the South Af-

It is a curious fact that in two or three of the most important professions fol-lowed by mankind, thorough training has tacitly been considered unnecessary. War, especially in these days, is certainly a business demanding the most complete knowledge and the largest experience; yet this, like farming, teaching, preaching, and nursing has been largely in the hands of men not especially trained for the busi-Nebody would think of placing in charge of a Corliss engine a man whose only recommendation for the job was the fact that he was the son of the mayor of the city; yet a regiment, which is considerably more complicated than any en- and our advancement in morals and phi gine, has often been placed in the hards lanthropy during the century just passed of a young man about town who has never paid any particular attention to tactics, and knows nothing about the country in I dations, hospitals, and asylums at which which his regiment is expected to fight. those who are sufficiently cursed of God The education of the young is given over to enter their gates are treated in a manto girls who frequently have no love for of livelihood during the few years before marriage. We pretend to think that the health is of far more importance than that of the body; yet the old notions that any sort of man is fit to be a clergyman, and that a clergyman need know little of human nature, still prevail. The trained nurse is a comparatively modern figure, and is still beyond the reach of should start intelligent and thorough inpeople of moderate means, so that the care of the sick generally has to be entrusted to any member of the family who happens | There may be many other yet unsuspected to have the time to attend to it.

public is just beginning to wake up condition of things, and the first of the awakening has been a de or thorough technical training. This is all right so far as it goes, but it is not enough. We need a readjustment of things which will weed out the incompetent ones when they prove their incompetence, and will give a chance to all who are fitted for the work. It is not always possible to should be one's business in life. The best way is not to insist that all the training for a life work shall be done in these

General Miles and Mr. Alger. Instead of thanking his Maker that his enemy has written a book, it looks very the Cudahy family from the terror under much as if Lieutenant General Miles had which they have been-living, on account of determined to answer him. It is satisthreats emanating from the Crowe gang. factory to learn that the General's friends that their late captive would be murdered are urging him to maintain a dignified silence, but if their advice is ignored and the head of the army should persist in rushing into print, he is as cer- the matter becomes public and not per-

complained was rotten. one, to be sure, and is justly regarded everywhere in the country with contempt,

would in any sense strengthen his rotinguished diplomat who wished Mr. Mc- sition which, in the minds of all right-Kinley a Happy New Year this morning. minded Americans, is impregnable. But The Russian Ambassador did the same he is in a situation greatly to embarrass thing, and heartily and gracefully as is Mr. McKinley, and to afford Alger the his wont. Perhaps there is an omen in chance he has been longing for during that, too? We earnestly hope that it may the past two years, to get even with not point in the direction of another sud- his former political associates and ofden and pyrotechnic cut and scuttle, like ficial colleagues, for the manner in which he was expelled from public life.

It may or may not be that the sentiments of the President and Secretary Root toward the General are friendly. That does not cut any particular figure in this connection. What the country looks at is that Miles, having been handsomely versally condemned, there is absolutely nothing to be gained by a reopening of the old scandal, while there is much to l Mr. Wu's greetings should not be for- lost. General Miles, by rejecting good advice, will only hurt himself, and we are inclined to think would find himself without much public sympathy in whatever

#### Hospital Reform.

The disclosures of the Bellevue Hospital horrors in New York have not only shocked the moral sensibilities of the country, but have impressed the public with the idea that they represented conditions of cruelty with occasional murder, which could not be worse. We are sorry on the first day of the new year and century to record the fact that they are distinctly distanced by an exposure of

daily and hourly occurrence in that institution are possible in a civilized land beggars belief. They would disgrace a Chinese prison for condemned criminals; and, if he were alive, frighten old Torquemada to death. The mind almost fails to grasp the truth in the utter hideousness and hellishness of the facts.

According to the evidence, it is the cheerful custom on Blackwell's Island, when the physicians decide that patients are hopeless of recovery, to abandon them to their fate. Doctors and nurses alike is baked. The cellars are never ventiignore them thereafter and they are alwhich the vitality of the sufferer was so Murphy's office said: great that, bound with twisted sheets to their families. This is not a new com- his cot, he survived the agony of starvation and thirst for five days. Fortunately for the tortured wretches few are able rican struggle has opened the eyes of to last as long. Such cases, it appears, England to a good many things which are not unique. Three deaths of like character are said to have happened in law a

In this model house of mercy for the sick, patients on entering often are compelled to wait two or three days befor seeing a physician. In the meantime, it able to stand they are forced to do menial work for the nurses. If they refuse. they are beaten, jumped on, sheet-twisted kicked, gouged and so on, quite after the manner of Bellevue and other public institutions where hazing is considered a

benefit to the hazed. Here we are, boasting like wild Indians of our achievements in material things ranks away. And yet at its very close we discover that we have great charitable founner compared with which the sufferings work, and take it up only as a means of the unfortunates in the Black Hole of Calcutta were as nothing. No wonder th poor of our cities regard the idea of being sent to a hospital with fear and aversion, and would rather die than go to one It is well that the authorities of New York have waked up to their duty. It would also be well if the authorities of all

vestigations into the state of public institutions within their several jurisdiction sinks of iniquity and fiendishness of a like kind. They cannot be too soon detected and exposed. Believue and Blackwell's Island admonish us not to be too vain of our civilization. They tend to make us wonder if a good deal of it is not hypoc risy and h:

The last day of the century witnessed the proclamation of an armistice between the Powers and China at Pekin. So the new century dawns upon a condition of official peace for the time being in that know, at sixteen or at twenty, what new century dawns upon a condition of official peace for the time being in that official peace for the time being in that country. When Mr. Conger afflixed his name to the armistice, protocol, or mem-

work at something—half a dozen things, he wrote in a reservation to the effect if necessary—before the age of twenty-one that "nothing in the foregoing shall be and take two or three years of training contrued to commit the United States to afterward, for the work which he selects an acknowledgment that an armistice is as best suited to his capabilities. The necessary, that there has ever been any world is suffering even now from the in- war, or that the Chinese Government is competence of girls who were educated responsible for the attack upon the lega as teachers when they ought to be dress-makers, and boys who are trying to preach kind or description." Otherwise, we are when they ought to be working at a trade. | sadly impressed with the idea that Con-A trade is just as honorable as a profes- ger will find himself in hot water. It sion if one does the work well; the only is a pretty poor specimen of an armistice disgrace attaching to manual labor is un- that does not presuppose a "state of war."

persist in rushing into print, he is as certification of the matter becomes public and not personal. We have our doubts about the tain that the army beef of which he once practical working of the scheme. The are concerned. Every one of the charges lar Crowe who is the object of so much he made during and immediately after the solicitude just now may very correctly ar- success. Spanish war has been proven in the "high gue that the taxpayers of Omaha are in no Spanish war has been proven in the "high court of public opinion." Since that occurred he has been promoted and henored. It were far better for him to rest upon his laurels than to play into the hands of a disappointed and vinditive hands of a disappointed and vinditive. hands of a disappointed and vindictive persecuted pork packer would do well to perity, the foe, whose plain object it is to harass the act upon the advice we offered him yes-Administration by reviving a disgraceful terday, namely, to pack his whole family by the anxious concern over the scandal. If General Miles should force off to Europe, and then, in company with the hand of the President and Secretary that American Sheriock Holmes, Mr. Wil-Root it would be played against him. liam Pinkerton, preceed to make it as in-They would be compelled to defend them- teresting for the infant kidnaping indusselves on the record made by the Alger try as brains and undimited money would

According to the American Consul at dition to the Pauncefote district already surrendered. It may foreshadow acceptance of the amended Hay-Pauncefote to bay by a resurrection of the embalmed and timed pulp infamies. Alger evilondate to be a pulp infamies. Alger evilondate to the country with contempt.

But it is the leg which the Administration on American wheat which the Agrarian it is compositive. In party believe will be prohibitive. In part Treaty by Lord Salisbury, which would indeed be cause for thanksgiving in England, and for fasting, humiliation, and prayer in the United States. However that may be, there is but small New Year comfort for Americans in the state of our friendly relations with our English ally just now.

Lord Pauncefote was not the only dis
and tinned pulp infamies. Alger evidently wants such a resurrection, and the dentity wants such a resurrection, and the blessing ought to be denied him.

Silence at this time will best become General Miles. Nothing that Alger, or Dodge, or Denby, or Eagan could say, would hurt him before the people. Nothing that he could say would fin any sense strengthen his rother than the following the mining outlook there, this is a mistading cereal, its cultivation in Germany will be stimulated. What really will happen, as in the case of all protected industries, is that the home poor will have to pay a higher price for their bread, and the conditions are such that the money can be made by men of small capital and not by great syndicates. The pay dirt in placers the excess will go into the pockets of a limited class of rich proprietors. In the concrete a German prohibition tariff on wheat would injure American farmers to the extent it restricted the market for their surplus. Should our present unscited the market for their surplus. Should our present unscited the market for their surplus. Should our present unscited the market for their surplus and the strength of the finest collections of counterfeit money in the united States have recently been confiscated by the Government in which work can be kept going night and day, and water for sluicing is everywhere abundant. Some their surplus are the strength of the finest collections of counterfeit money in the united States have recently been confiscated by the Government in the united States have recently been confiscated by the Government in the united States have recently been confiscated by the Government in the united States have recently been confiscated by the foreign individual miners have "cleaned up" as instance in point was that of a

# NEW YORK'S BAKERY STRIKE.

The Authorities to Begin a Movement for Reform.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 .- The 1.000 journeymen bakers who are on strike on the East Side want the public to understand that it is not on account of wages, but because they are compelled to work from eighteen to twenty hours a day in violation of the ten-hour law.

The attention of the Health Depart-

ment and the Labor Commissioners has been called to this fact by a reporter, and prompt steps will be taken on the part of officials in the two departments, the Health Department to prosecute the proprietors of the bakeshops for their un-sanitary condition and the Labor Comeet, one of the largest bakers on the in his seven or eight shops, had a con ference with a delegation of strikers yes terday, and the outcome was that over 100 men went back to work. He promise the men all they asked, and they expe

this will force the other employers into The strikers have the sympathy of the east side in their fight to better their con-dition. The public learned for the first

When the attention of the Board of lowed to die without care, without food, and without water. One case is detailed in which the vitality of the sufferer was so

We have investigated these bakeshop from time to time, but somehow or othe they are given a tip when the sanitary in spectors are coming, and the places ar cleaned for the occasion. The Health De ment, however, has prosecuted sev-cases of violations of the sanitary and has procured convictions. We in-to swoop down upon them again on the very first opportunity and make an

## Rising Cost of Soldiers

General MacAribur has recommended pent of a bounty of \$250 to every soldi

## Can Condone Many Political Sins,

## America's Handicap.

(From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)
maintaining a standing army and-building
at navy, in imitation of the European mon
s, it is well we should consider that Eupays no such amounts in pensions as we de
ant income taxation, of which we have none
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#### Anglomaniacs Responsible. (From the Philadelphia Times.)

pending treaty. These organs were so, anxious that the Senate should not affront England, a they expressed it, by a reasonable care, for the interests of the United States, that the English actually think that they have been affronted though it would puzzle them to tell how.

# Not a Cause of National Pride.

# LONDON'S FINANCIAL STORM

Upheaval Watched With Interest Here, But Not With Apprehension.

of the British Government, backed by the complained was rotten.

Lieucenant General Miles needs no vindication as far as the American people are concerned. Every one of the charges lar Crowe who is the object of so much are concerned. Every one of the charges lar Crowe who is the object of so much such exertions, unless under the most

perity, the financial nerve is extremely sensitive. This was abundantly indicated by the anxious concern over the little flur-

their surplus. Should our present unscientific and vicious fiscal system be maintained much longer, American agriculture
will receive more than one such joit in
the decades to come.

As it seems improbable that the Addicks
and opposition Republican factions in the
Delaware Legislature will be able to get
together on the question of electing two
Senators from that State, there would
seem to be a fair chance that the little
Blue Hen Commonwealth may escape a
danger remarkably prevalent of late,
namely, asphyxiation by gas.

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Nothing in years has caused a more procollections were those of cashiers in the
big department stores, whose idea was to
compare the counterious of the Society of the Army of
the Knights of Honor. He was a membe gold taken out on this peninsula is
much as \$20,000 in the special spe be had for \$25 a ton. Any gross freight which is not too perishable to bear sending up from Scattle in sailing ships gets low rates for transportation.

The only serious problem in this line yet to be solved is that of lighters, the content of th

put ashore by lighters, even from freight vessels of insignificant draft, and there being no safe barbor for the small craft. This is a tremble which bids fair to cure itself soon, however. The party with which Dr. Whitchead went to Nome consisted of ten men. They carried along their own cook, and charged his passage from Seattle, and the freight bills et \$40 ton for the food supplies which they had to take with them in the passenger steamer, on their expense account, yet they lived with great comfort at an aver-age cost of \$1 a day for each member of age cost of \$1 a day for care memory of the party. The output from the Klondike was about \$15,000,000 lat 1 year and \$20,000,000 this year. Nome put out about \$5,000,000 this year, and gives every sign Whitehead is confident that the yearly increase will be astounding as the country fills up with the right sort of workers and the local conditions come to be better un-

#### GERMANY'S WINE PRODUCT. Vintage for the Past Year Reported Greatly Reduced.

Mr. Schumann, the United States Conul at Mainz, writes to the State Depart ment as follows:

"The labors of the German wine growers have once more come to an end, as far as gathering grapes is concerned. For United States on a visit, and ran up a bil the wine grower the time from early of \$10,000 for expenses, and Congress pass the wine grower the time from early spring until the grapes are gathered in other crop is so uncertain or gives e to such anxiety. A single sharp frest a long-continued rain may suffice to

nne that those grapes which had escaped the frosts in May rapidly ripened to a magnificent mellow fruit.

"The grapes were quite free from disease during the period of growth. The sauerwumn' was their chief enemy this year, and in some districts—as, for instance, the Rheingau—did considerable damage. In the Moselle districts the ear-

#### FAMOUS JERSEY CENTENARIAN. Noah Raby Said to Have Lived 128 Years.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 1.-The advent of the Twentieth Century comes with especial solemnity and interest to Noah Raby, the famous centenarian of Piscataway township, whose years are said to number 128, and who is the oldest white man in the world.

He is a pauper and an inmate of the poorhouse of Piscataway township, on the Stalton-New Market Road, about a mile and a half from this city. Raby is said to have been born in Eatontown, Gates county, N. C., on April 1, 1772. His mother was an Englishwoman named Morning Raby, and his father a full-blooded Indian named Andrew Bass.
Raby worked on plantations and served
in the ravy prior to 1812. He then came
North and after spending a few years in

Market, or where New Market now is, for he came before the village was named. He has lived in this county seventy years. Thirty-five of these have been spent in he township almshouse. Raby's faculties are wonderfully well Raby's facilities are wonderfully arreserved, with the exception of his sight, or he is almost blind. He declares that he has smoked since he was five years old, hewed tobacco since he was six, and

# drunk all the whisky he could get since he On Dangerous Ground. (From the Detreit Free Press.) He-Miss Rusty is awfully old, isn't she? She-She is just my age. He-Well-O, I beg your pardon.

chewed tobacco

IN THE HOTEL CORRIDORS.

Here, But Not With Apprehension.

Most lively interest has attended upon Riggs House today. "It is the great- CUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 1.—Col. Theothe London cablegrams chronicling the est State in the Union. In the country dore Luman, for twenty-seven consecutive progress of financial disturbances in that around the capital the windmills are still years clerk of the Allegany Circuit Court, great centre. The intelligence of yester- turning and the encalyptus trees continue was found dead yesterday morning near ticipated, and there is some hope that the intervention of New Year Day may give discovered more of the big fellows in the Santa Cruz Mountains—bigger than those land. His skull was crushed, a portion of which tourists have been looking at for the bone lying a few feet from his body, which tourists have been looking at for is a pretty poor specimen of an armistic that does not presuppose a "state of war."

The city of Omaha has offered a reward of twenty-five thousand dollars for the armist for the armist and wise connections in the convertion of the Cudahy kidnapers. This action was taken to relieve the Cudahy family from the terror under which they have been living on account of the they have been living on account of the troubles, and if the crash once fairly gets going there is no telling where it will stop. The London concerns already affected have intimate and wide connections in the colonies and dependences of England may the timber surrounding the base and signer of the Santa Cruz Mountains. In the heart of these mountains from the grand that their late captive would be murdered unless his father at once withdrew his personal offer of a reward in the same sum. Mr. Cudahy has withdrawn it, and in the matter becomes public and not personal. We have our doubts about the matter becomes public and not personal. We have our doubts about the matter becomes public and not personal. We have our doubts about the matter becomes public and not personal. We have our doubts about the matter becomes public and not personal. We have our doubts about the matter becomes public and not personal. We have our doubts about the matter becomes public and not personal. We have our doubts about the province of the English people, with a corresponding the single people will be personal. We have our doubts about the province of the English people, with a corresponding the people will be people will be personal. We have our doubts about the province of the English people, with a corresponding the people will be personal the province of the English people, with a corresponding the people will be personal the province of the English people, with a corresponding the people will be people will be personal the province of the English peo Basin is the Sequoia sempervirens. It is superior in height and symmetry to the sequoia gigantea. There have been found many of these trees which are three hun-dred and fifty feet high and more than erted to maintain stability in the stability of the actions, unless under the most extraordinary conditions, could not fail of success.

It is not apprehended that any alarm it is not apprehended that any alarm existence, estimating the age of some of the larger specimens at three thousand the larger specimens are the save that the years. To support this he says that the geologic formation of the Big Basin 's Plieocene and that this particular region existed in its present state prior to the

NOME GOLD-FIELD PROSPECTS.

Sanguine Views of Dr. Whitehead,
Assayer of the Mint.

The beginning of an investigation into the judicial scandals in the Nome gold district, and the discovery that two heavily capitalized corporations are engaged in the discovery that two heavily capitalized corporations are engaged in the discovery there has given the property of Early of ington a few years ago, and graduated from the law department of Georgetown ted to the bar of Aroostock county.

A Secret Service man said to a reporter

when the vacancy will be filled. The petition was unanimously signed, and Judge Sloan said the son will be named. Although the United States, he came as the guest of the Russian Legation. Just at that time the Russian Minister was not in favor at the State Department, for it was charged he had been writing letters to the press criticising the Administration, and on that account his passports were about man, a noted stage driver on the old Namer.

ales and the invitation extended by Congress to the King of Siam are the only official precedents to govern any future course of the Administration, should the royal guests come next fall, there are many incidents, it is said, in which the Government has entertained royal guests and special provision was made for their entertainment and comfort while in the ed a bill appropriating that amount to pay ruin the yintage.

"Last May, after the vines had begun to put forth their tender shoots a severe and unexpected from caused irreparable damage in many vineyards. After the vines had flowered the weather still remained unsettled, and the presents were not came to Washington has reasonable to make the vines had flowered the weather still remained unsettled, and the presents were not came to Washington has reasonable came to washington to the came to washington to washington was made to entertain royal guests during the World's Fair at Chica-go, and Princess Bulaile and the Duke of washington to washington was made to entertain royal guests during the World's Fair at Chica-go, and Princess Bulaile and the Duke of washington to washington was made to entertain royal guests during the world's Fair at Chica-go, and Princess Bulaile and the Duke of washington was taked to entertain royal guests during the World's Fair at Chica-go, and Princess Bulaile and the Duke of washington was taked to entertain royal guests during the world's Fair at Chica-go, and Princess Bulaile and had flowered the weather still remained unsettled, and the prospects were not bright. The summer and early fall months, however, were so exceptionally months, however, were so exceptionally and Assistant Secretary of State Cridler and Commandant Davis, of the navy, were fine that those grapes which had escaped the frosts in May rapidly ripeged to a

Ridgley C. Hascomb, a commercial trav eler, who has just come up from the country along the Altamaha River and Cumtance, the Kuengar and the chief damage and rejustification for the whole, however, the wine grow"On the whole, however, the wine g "On the whole, however, the wine growers may well be satisfied with this year's convene there on January 30. There was ers may well be satisfied with this year's convene there on January 30. There was even that of a full crop has been larvested, and the quality promises to be a good 'middle wine,' ranging between vint-good embly will be non-partisan and that the ole object will be to devise plans by which the maritime interests of this coun-ery can be reasserted by placing in the loreign carrying trade an increased numto the vast exports of the country

## What Christianity Has Done

(From Harper's Weekly.)

#### Grass Used to Fight Sand. (From Pearson's Magazine.)

hard-earned country-from the constant efforts of the North Sea to reclaim it; and, after a con-test of nearly a hundred years, France has trans-formed the desolate shores of Gascony into fertile fields and forest lands.

## DEATH OF COLONEL LUMAN.

"What can I tell you about California?" Killed Near Cumberland by Falling

who pinned a pink carnation on him. This flower was found near his body. Several persons met Mr. Luman while on his stroll. He said that he thought he would walk to the eastern end of the tunnel at the Baltimore and Ohio cutoff. Mr. Lu-man's failure to return Sunday night caused his family some uneasiness, but fears were set aside by the belief that he had called on his aged mother, who is very ill, and had stayed at her home over-night. Yesterday morning it was found that he had not done so and a searching party went out. Scores of friends joined Plieocene and that this particular region existed in its present state prior to the glacial period.

A good deal of gossip goes on in the hotel lobbies concerning Joseph E. Hall, of Bangor, Mo., who appears to be the most promising candidate to represent the most promising candidate to represent the gone in the direction of the rallroad camp

was so shocked that he fell fourteen feet. He was jarred considerably by his fall, but not seriously hurt. Colonel Luman clasped in his hand a twig which he had evidently caught in his descent. His elothes were considerably torn and his coat was tossed over his head. His watch was still running and the valuables in his clothes had not been disturbed. morning that several of the finest ccllections of counterfeit money in
the United States have recently
been confiscated by the Government in consequence of the law which
prohibits the holding of counterfeit

Inought the accident occurred between 3
and 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

George H. Carpenter, the Coroner of
Mineral county, W. Va., viewed the body,
and being satisfied death was accidental
permitted Undertaker G. Stanley Butler to
remove it to this city.

Colonel Luman belonged.

Cumberland Elks, of which he is a member, will deliver the eulogy at the grave. Colonel Luman's father was Samuel Luman, a noted stage driver on the old National Pike. He was contemporaneous with Hanson Willison, sr., who died here removed, and during the Grand Duke's stay, the minister remained persona grata, but after the Grand Duke had departed, the Russian Minister was recalled. The President, entertained the Grand Duke at a state dinner at the White House, and attended a reception at the Russian Legation in his honor.

Although the visit of the Frince of Wales and the invitation extended by

Colonel Luman was adjutant of the Sec ond Maryland Regiment, Potomac Hom Brigade, and was brevetted colonel. H leaves the following brothers and sisters of Rev. A. J. Gill.

## CURRENT HUMOR.

Essentially a Feminine Reason.

"if he was not your ideal, why did you marr,

(From the Philadelphia Record.)
onder why Kaleacre puts all his savings
als pillow every night?"
con he wants people to know that he has

A Likely Suggestion. (From the Chicago News.)

#### Patient—What would you recommend for sor nambu ism. doctor? Doctor—Well, you might try insomnia. In Early Youth.

(From the Indianapolis Press.) "Brown's daughter has just reached the age ien a girl begins to think of marriage," said "You don't mean to tell me that Br laughter is less than four years old," ans the savage backetor,

# Insomnia.

(From Collier's Weekly.)
Mrs. Jenkins—It is rumored that Mr. Appleby

## Too Beep for Him.

(From the Chicago Times-Herald.) "Would you," he asked, "be willing to marry man who smoked cigarettes?"
"Why ask such a question," she replied, looking t the yellow stains on his fingers. "You know t would be impossible for me to find one, even if were so inclined.

As he was going bome half an hour later he
numured to himself:
"I wonder what that girl meant?"

## A Modern Cook.

listress (entering the kitchen unexpere the cook, instead of working

## Sareasm.

(From the Unicago News.)

Wife—What is this silver question that seems to
be worrying the politicians?

Husband—One party wants to coin silver pieces
expresenting 49 and 98 cents instead of half-dollars
and dollars."

Wife—Why do they want to do that?

Husband—So women won't have to wait for
heir change when they go shopping.

## Not Fitted to Be a Lawyer.

(From the Syracuse Herald.)
McSwitters—I wouldn't take \$10 for this pipe.
McSwatters—Wouldn't Why?
McSwitters—It's worth only 10 cents, and I rouldn't cheat a man out of \$9.90.

Have you decided on your New Year ration? If not, resolve that you will drink ing but Heurich's Maerzen, Senate, or Lager best beer breved. These beets have the ration of being the purest and most murition the market.

#### NOTES OF THE DAY.

Red gun wood is being used extensively in Lon-

The River Jordan has its origin in one of the largest springs in the world. Florida people are preparing to go for a more extensive small fruit and orange business.

day was not quite so bad as had been an- to exhale their numbers of continue of the continue was found dead vesterday morning near lead sends annually \$1,000 tons of eggs—some day was not quite so bad as had been an- to exhale their numbers—to England alone. In ninety years the Spanish-speaking people of the world have increased from 26,190,600 to 42,

Butte, Mont., has the highest expendi

When ex-President Kruger was in Paris some of his warmest admirers were the sewing girls who

The weight of merchandise annually imported by Great Britain has multiplied five-fold in forty

Both of the sons of Thomas Jefferson were men bers of Congress from Virginia while he was bers of Congress from Virginia while he was President. One of these was Thomas Mann Ran-dolph and the other John W. Eppes.

The national park of 1,297 square miles proposed at the headwaters of the Mississippi will, if it is established, be the first in the central 145,60 of the country. There is a resolution before Congress to investigate the subject.

One of New York's sporting clubs has purchased 1,700 acres of land in Western Massachusetts have acres of and in section of the kept under fence as a game preserve. A lake covering 100 acres will be stocked with fish and private stables and costages are to be erected.

According to a report just issued by the State

It is said that Major Taylor, the colored bi-

velist, who is remarkable not only for speed but for the firmness of his religious views, has several times refused profitable contracts to race in this country and Europe because they involved riding on Sunday. In a recent decision of the Vermont of court it was held that where a railroad company

sells a mileage ticket and negligently fails to put the correct name thereon and the condactor on that account refuses to accept the ticket the railroad company is liable for damages. European artisans by no means compare with American mechanics or machinists in the use of tools, and it is said that one of the greatest obstacles to the general introduction of American machine tools rate continental Europe is the ignorance of the syrange European machinist.

turbed his slumbers. He was fined \$5 and costs, ut has appealed from the magistrates decision, laiming that he had a right to murder the qualler, and that even if he hadu't the right \$5 too much to pay for the life of one cat.

The far northwest has entered into competiti with the Mississippi Valley for the wheat trade of the world. A British steamer has loaded wheat at Tacoma for Liverpool via the Suez Canal. The lage Born route is shorter, but is less desirable because of the cost of and difficulty in procuring load.

Christmas Day was the birthday of four bers of the family of Rev. A. E. Ballard, of Ocean Grove, N. J. Mr. Ballard was eighty on that day; his sister, Mrs. Elmira Carfield, was 82; another sister, Mrs. Margaret Stainsby, was 72, and Mr. Ballard's grandchild, Anna S. Ballard, was 12. A Delaware miner lost his dinner in a peculiar

stantials of his noonday meal were steaming mer In England there is in existence an act of Par

the England there is in existence an account of the tiament which provides that persons who fail to attend divine services on Sunday shall be liable to imprisonment or fine. The statute dates from the period of the protectorate, but that it is rarely enforced is proved only too conclusively by the sparse attandance which takes place at so many public places of worship.

Dr. Alfred Cave, of London, who made a pro-Br. Afred Cave, of London, who hade a pro-found impression on the ardiences of the Inter-national Congregational Council last year in Bos-ton, died last week at the comparatively early age of fity-three years. He was appointed pro-fessor of Hebrew and philosophy at Hackney College in 1886, and made principal and professor of theology the following year.

The body of every spider contains four little masses, pierced with a multitude of holes (imper-ceptible to the naked eye), each hole permitting the passage of a single thread; all the threads to the amount of 1,000 to each mass, join together when they come out and make the single thread with which the spider spins its web, so that what we call a spider's thread consists of more than 1,600 threads united.

Some years ago, in the month of December, a eweler of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, and a man to collect a freight car full of snow Probably the oldest book for home lessons in

hmetic was recently unearthed in Egypt. The Frank Keller, who had the fight with Oscar

Booz in 1808 at West Point, and whose name is entioned in the invest igation of the Booz case a Farmington, Mo., man. He was brought up

Taking the Australian colonies in the aggregate, there are only seventy-five unmarried females for very 100 unmarried males. In New South Wales every 100 unmarried males. In New South Wales alone, according to the last census, there are mearly 100,000 more unmarried males than unmarried females. In Victoria the excess is upward of 75,000; in Queensland it is almost 57,000; in Southern Australia, over 17,000; in Westeren Australia, 9,000; in Tasmania, about the same, and in New Zealand a little less than 44,000.

Chess players will be interested in the fact that Mr. J. H. Blackburne, who is a native of Manchester, England, celebrated his fifty-eighth bit chester, Engana, Celebrate in Sin'y Egga much day recently. Mr. Blackburne is best known as a blindfold player, but he has during the thirty-eight years of chess, taken part in many great tournaments. In matches he was beaten twice by Steinitz and once by Lasker, but in four annual cable matches with America he has scored two wins and two draws against Pillsbury, America's chamnion.

recently found biaself in an embartassing situ-ation. Two young women each claimed to be the mother of an infant of six months. The magis-trate, who had not forgotten his Scriptural back-ing, called for a butcher's knife, and, placing the child on a table in front of him, declared his in-tention of dividing it and giving a half to each of the vociferous claimants. "Don't do that," they shricked, "keep the baby vourseli," and im-mediately field from the court horse. The magis-trate, it is said, has solved the difficulty in which he was placed by provisionally adopting the was placed by provisionally adopting the

Resolutions Are in Order.

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